

ABSTRACT

[0418] Summary of the Invention

A system for associating usage rights with digital content. Usage rights are created from a grammar. The usage rights specify a manner of use indicating one or more stated purposes for which the digital content can be at least one of used and distributed by an authorized party. The usage rights are associated with the digital content. Information is exchanged with a first repository for storing the digital content and the associated usage rights and for processing a usage transaction specifying the usage rights to determine if access to the digital content can be granted. Information is exchanged with a second repository for generating the usage transaction specifying the usage rights for requesting access to the digital content.